User Interaction:
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“Trash is always our premier cultural export to the future”
“Entropy requires no maintenance”

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Obsolescence is innovation in reverse

"The Mirrored S-Curve of Technological Adoption"
“Gartner’s Hype Cycle characterizes the typical progression of an emerging technology, from over-enthusiasm through a period of disillusionment to an eventual understanding of the technology’s relevance and role in a market or domain. Each phase is characterized by distinct indicators of market, investment and adoption activities.”
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“Most Advanced, Yet Acceptable”
"being designery"
“an absolutely acceptable object would be invisible”
“a thing is not merely a material object, but a frozen technosocial relationship.”
META-HISTORY

THING:

FROZEN TECHNO SOCIAL
RELATIONSHIPS
IN OBJECT
Cognitive Load

Opportunity Cost

Rubbish

Line of No Return

Empire

Meta History

Technoculture

Spin-Mes
“Trash is always our premier culturally export to the future.”

Pollution
Trash provides info
Trash survives
Lots of it
Non-trash wears out

Diapers
Atomic waste
Satellites

About people
About our culture
MAIA = MOST ADVANCED

YET ACCEPTABLE

UNIVERSITIES

ADVANCED

PRETTY GLAMOROUS

USABILITY INFRASTRUCTURE

DONT WANT (NOT INTERACTIVE)

CONSUMER PRODUCTION ACCEPTABILITY